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Claims 47 and 48 are rejected as vague and indefinite because it is unclear what is meant by "coupled labeled moiety." Such moieties are described in detail at page 36, line 6 through page 43, line 15. If the Examiner would find other language more acceptable, for example "R4 is a labeled moiety," Applicants are receptive to such an amendment.

The references were not considered because they were not available in the parent case. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confer with the Examiner of the parent file to locate the references. Applicants will forward a computer disc with the references if the Examiner is unable to locate them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

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